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**TWO OFFICERS KILLED IN 2012 TO BE HONORED AT
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Gov. Steve Beshear and survivor Brandy Durman to address attendees

RICHMOND, Ky. (Apr. 29, 2013) – Two Kentucky officers were killed in the line of duty in 2012 and their memory and sacrifice will be honored at the Department of Criminal Justice Training's annual law enforcement memorial ceremony Tuesday, May 7 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will recognize Hodgenville Police Department Officer Mark A. Taulbee who was killed in a vehicle pursuit on Sept. 16, 2012, and Marion County Sheriff's Office Deputy Anthony Rakes who shot to death during a traffic stop on Nov. 14, 2012.

Gov. Steve Beshear, the keynote speaker, will address the families, friends and comrades of Kentucky's fallen officers. He will be joined by Brandy Durman, the wife of fallen Lexington Division of Police Officer Bryan Durman, killed in April 2010.

The ceremony will be conducted at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial, located at DOCJT in front of the John W. Bizzack Law Enforcement Training Complex on Eastern Kentucky University's campus.

The ceremony also will honor six Kentucky officers killed in the line of duty between 1884 and 1950, but whose names were not added to the national memorial until recently. One of the criteria for having a name placed on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial is that it be on the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Those officers names are:

U.S. Marshal Releigh Killion, killed May 24, 1884
Thomas D. Martin, Stanford Police Department, died May 16, 1931
Thee Madden, Knott County Sheriff's Office, died March 10, 1933
Vernon C. Snellen, Kentucky State Police, died Feb. 20, 1937
Bill Baker, Perry County Sheriff's Office, died March 11, 1950
George Puckett, Perry County Sheriff's Office, died April 26, 1950

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial monument stands in memory of nearly every Kentucky peace officers who has been killed in the line of duty. This year's additions bring the total number of names on the monument to 509.

The memorial foundation was established in 1999 to build the unique memorial. Once the memorial was completed in 2000, the organization expanded its efforts to include an ongoing financial endowment program, which helps Kentucky peace officers and their families with educational, medical and emergency needs.

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